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Director of Public Works and Engineering to Retire

Hough's dedication to the city shows in the last 18 years of projects.

MORGANTOWN – This summer, City Hall will say farewell to one of its longest standing employees.

City of Morgantown Director of Public Works and Engineering Terry Hough is announcing her upcoming retirement, effective June 27, 2014.

"It's bittersweet," she reflects.

Hough's tenure as a public servant began in 1988 when she was hired as the Assistant City Engineer for the City of Morgantown. She then went to work as a staff engineer for the Morgantown Utility Board in 1990. She was then hired to become the City's Public Works Director and City Engineer in 1997, but her affinity for the outdoors and civil engineering was in place long before she took on her first project.

"My dad was a forester and I grew up loving the outdoors," Hough said. "But in school, my abilities were in math based sciences,"

Hough and her family moved to Morgantown in 1971. She can still see Morgantown as it was: the recent completion of the Coliseum, the WVU Stadium still nestled in the downtown campus, and the PRT, just a science fiction dream. Hough coordinated one of these monumental changes - the construction of the Rail Trails and the Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park in the once-blighted Wharf District.

"I love the Rail Trail – it's so rewarding to see the recreation and activity that happens down there," she admits.

She holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering from West Virginia University, and is a Registered Professional Engineer & Surveyor, a Certified Floodplain

Manager, and sits on the Local Technology Assistant Program (WV LTAP) Advisory Board, the Clinton Water Association and the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC)

After retirement, Hough plans to devote time to volunteering at the High Ridge Equestrian Center, a program that helps to support and encourage the development of physical, mental and emotional well-being of all people in the community through equine related activities. She states that she is looking forward to getting back into one of her passions - horses. She'll also continue to work with the WV LTAP in promoting transportation training.

"I've enjoyed building the lasting relationships with those who work for the City along with those outside of the City organization," said Hough.

"It will be hard to replace Terry because of the wealth of institutional knowledge, experience, and changes she has contributed to that took place in Morgantown over the last 18 years", says Jeff Mikorski, City Manager. "I hope for the best for Terry in all her endeavors."

Mikorski plans to name an interim director at her departure, and then seek a permanent replacement for Public Works Director and City Engineer.

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